recommend a long-term shipping plan giving due consideration to the demands made by Indian National Shipowners' Association.

Joint Ventures for Basic and Cellular Telecommunication Services

888. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Cabinet Committee on Foreign Investment (CCFI) has approved telecom joint venture proposals involving an investment of Rs. 12,621 crore, as reported in the Financial Express, New Delhi dated the Ist November 1995;

(b) if so, how many joint ventures have been cleared for basic telephone services number of those collaborations for operation or private telecom services and the number thereof in this cellular service indicating the amount of estimated foreign investment provided in each joint venture and the amount initially spent, so far, by India in each case; and

(c) by when, the statutory Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) envisaged in the National Telecom Policy of 1994, is likely to be set up and will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) 14 Joint Venture proposals for Basic Telephone Service and 19 proposals in respect of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service were approved by CCII on 31.10.95. The details are enclosed in Statement-I and II. (*See* below) Amounts spent so far by Indian Companies are not available with the Government.

(c) The Government have decided to set up a Statutory Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) for which it is proposed to bring a comprehensive legislation before the Parliament. The TRAI will be set up after the proposals get approved.

Statement I

Joint Venture proposals approved in respect of Basic Telephone Services by CCFI on 31.10.1995

S. No.	Indian/J.V. Company	Foreign Partner	%FE	Value (Rs. Crores)
1.	Birla Telecom Ltd., Bombay	AT & T Mauritius	39%	409.50
		Phillipine Long Distance Telephone Company, Phillipine	10%	105.00
2.	HFCL BEZEQ Telecome Ltd. New Delhi	BEZEQ ISRAEL	26%	2600
		Shinwatra Int. Public Company, Thiland	15%	1500
3.	Modi Infotech Pvt. Ltd. ND	Telecom Asia Thailand	49%	147
4.	Tata Teleservices Pvt. Ltd. ND	Bell Canada International Canada	20%	600
5.	Techno Telecome (I) Pvt. Ltd. ND.	Moscow Local Telephone Network Russia	10%	10
		NRI Consortium USA	5%	5
6.	Euro Tele India Ltd. ND	Deutsche Telekom AG Germany	40%*	215.60
		Deutsche Telepost consulting GMBH Germany		

S. No.	Indian/J.V. Company	Foreign Partner	%FE	Value (Rs. Crores)
7.	Sterlite Telekom Ltd. ND	Telekom Malaysia BHD Malaysia	49%*	784
		Usaha Tegas SDN BHD Malaysia		
8.	JT Telecom Ltd. Bangalore	Jasmine International Public Co. Ltd, Thailand	29%	416.64
		TELIA AB Sweden	10%	143.67
		Telephone Organisation Thailand	10%	143.67
9.	US West BPL Telephone Service Bangalore	US West Basic Telephones Investments Company, Mauritius	49%	367.50
10.	Telelink Network (India) Ltd., ND	Harris Inc USA Goundaung PT China	10% 10%	200.00 200.00%
11.	Essar Commvision Ltd. Bombay	Bell Atlantic Offshore Mauritius Ltd. Mauritius	10%	0.05
12.	Basic Tele Services Ltd. ND	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp Ltd. (NTT) Japan	49%*	1176.00
		Itochu Corporation Japan		
13.	Modi Communication Services Ltd. New Delhi	Qualcom Inc USA	39%	204.00
		Companhia Portuguesa	10%	52.50
		Radio Morcom		
14.	Reliance Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	Nynex International Ltd. Mauritius	10%	0.005

*Proposed combined foreign equity.

Statement II

Joint Venture proposals approved in respect of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service by CCFI on 31.10.1995

S. No.	Indian/J.V. Company	Foreign Collaborator	F.E. %	Foreign Equity value (Rs. Crores)
1.	Punewire Telesystem Cellular Ltd., Mohali	Telesystem International Wireless Corp, Netherland	39%	308.00
		Bell South Asia/Pacific Enterprise, USA	10%	79.00
2.	Modicom Network Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi	Vanguard Cellular System Inc. USA	49%*	49.00
		Telecom International Co. Ltd., Thailand		
3.	Dalmia Communication Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi	Korea Telecom Ltd.	49%	122.5
4.	Aircal Digilink India Ltd., Madras	Swiss Telecom PTT Switzerland	40%*	62.8

S. No.	Indian/J.V. Company	Foreign Partner	%FE	Value (Rs. Crores)
		Nepostal Consultancy Netherland		
5.	Essar Telecom Ltd. Bombay	bell Atlantic Offshore Mauritius	33%	0.16
6.	Reliance Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	Nynex International India Ltd. Mauritius	10%	0.006
7.	Hinduja HCL Singtel Communication Noida	Singapore Telecommunication Ltd. Singapore	10%	102.00
		Singapore Telecom International PTE Ltd. Singapore	38%	300.64
8.	Hexacom India Ltd. New Delhi	Mobile Telecom Co. Kuwait	30%*	150.00
		Alii & Found M.T. Al Ghanim Trading & Cont Co. W.L. Kuwait PCM Partnership USA		
9.	Easycall Cellular India Ltd. Bombay	Total Access Communication Co. Ltd., Thailand	25%	25.00
		Lenso Holding Co. Ltd. Thailand	24%	24.00
10.	CPRM Marconi (India) Pvt. Ltd. Bangalore	Companhia Portuguesa Radio MSRCONI, S.A. PORTUGAL	10%	12.00
		Marconi Telecommunication Pvt. Ltd., Mauritius.	29%	34.8
		Companhia DE Telecomnicacoes De Macau	10%	12.00
11.	TATA Communications Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi	Bell Canada International Inc Canada	49%	245.00
12.	Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi	Philipino Telephone Corp, Philippine	34%	34.00
		NRI Consortium, USA	5%	5.00
13.	Fascel Ltd.,	Bezeq, Israel	16%	127.8
		Shinwatra International Public Co. Ltd., Thailand	30%	239.7
14.	Protel India Pvt. Ltd., Madras	Compagnnie International DU Radio Telephone, France	25%	80.00
		Fidelity Communications International USA	15%	48.00
		US Telecomp EAST Inc USA	9%	28.8
15.	Birla Communications Ltd.,	AT & T Cellular Pvt. Ltd., Mauritius	49%	257.25
16.	Usha Martin Tlematics Ltd.,	Centennial Cellular Corp, USA	49%	0.98

*Proposed combined Foreign Equity.

S. No.	Indian/J.V. Company	Foreign Partner	%FE	Value (Rs. Crores)
17.	Hughes Ispat Ltd., Bombay	Hughes electronic Corp USA	26.6%	533.33
		ALLTEL, USA	13.4%	266.66
18.	US WEST BPL Telecom, Bangalore	US West Cellular Investment Co. Mauritus	49%*	92.31
		US West International Holding Inc England		
19.	Bharti Telenet Ltd., New Delhi	STET International SPA Italy	11%	33.00
		STET International Netherland	22%	66.00

*Proposed combined Foreign Equity.

Target for the Installation of Telephones in Gram Panchayats

889. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise targets fixed by Government regarding the telephones to be installed in the Gram Panchayats of the rural areas in the country during the Eight Five Year Plan;

(b) the details of targets achieved as on the 30th October, 1995 State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The State-wise targets fixed by Government regarding the telephones to be installed in the Gram Panchayats of the Rural areas in the country for the first two financial years of the Eighth Five Year Plan *viz.* 1992-93 and 1993-94 are given in the Annexure.

[*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 21]

Govt. subsequently adopted National Telecom Policy during the year 1994 which envisages provision of public telephone facility to all the villages of the country progressively by the year 1997. The State-wise targets of such village public telephones during the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 are also given in annex. The State-wise targets for the year 1996-97 are under finalisation.

(b) The State-wise details of targets of village public telephones achieved upto 31.10.1995 are also given in the Annexure above.

[*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 21]

(c) Plans have been drawn out for making necessary resources available to meet the target of providing 1,05,000 village public telephones during the current financial year. For the subsequent period, plans are being formulated on the basis of techno-ecnomic survey for providing public telephone facility to the remaining villages. Provide operators who are proposed to be licensed in the near future, will have a special obligation to link villages with public telephones.

India's Concern over Chinese Military Build-up

890. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Rapid Chinese Military build-up concern for neighbours" as reported in the Statesman, dated the 15th October, 1995;

(b) if so, whether there is any danger to India on the Chinese Military build-up;